

# Assignment 13

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# Problem Statement

## Papoulis Pillai Probability Random Variables and Stochastic Processes Exercise : 8-13

We plan a poll for the purpose of estimating the probability  $p$  of Republicans in a community. We wish our estimate to be within  $\pm 0.02$  of  $p$ . How large should our sample be if the confidence coefficient of the estimate is 0.95?

# Definitions

## Sample Proportion

If  $X$  is a binomial random variable, then  $X \sim B(n, p)$  where  $n$  is the number of trials and  $p$  is the probability of a success. To form a sample proportion, take  $X$ , the random variable for the number of successes and divide it by  $n$ , the number of trials (or the sample size). The random variable  $P'$  is the sample proportion

$$P' = \frac{X}{n} \quad (1)$$

And  
 $p'$  = the estimated proportion of successes or point estimate for  $p$

## Confidence interval for a population proportion

The confidence interval for a population proportion ( $p$ )

$$p = p' \times Z_u \times \sigma_{p'} \quad (2)$$

Where,

$Z_u$  = Normal (Youth) percentile or Z score

$\sigma_{p'}$  = Standard deviation

$$\sigma_{p'} = \sqrt{\frac{(1 - p')(p')}{n}} \quad (3)$$

Therefore,

$$p = p' \times Z_u \times \sqrt{\frac{(1 - p')(p')}{n}} \quad (4)$$

# Solution

Given,

$$\frac{p}{p'} \leq 0.02 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Confidence Coefficient (CF)} = 0.95 \implies Z_u = 1.96 \quad (6)$$

From (4),(5) and (6),

$$\sqrt{\frac{(1-p')(p')}{n}} \times 1.96 \leq 0.02 \quad (7)$$

As  $n > 0$ , From (7)

$$\frac{(1-p')(p')}{n} \leq \left(\frac{1}{98}\right)^2 \quad (8)$$

$$\implies n \geq (1-p')(p') \times 98^2 \quad (9)$$

$$A.M \geq G.M \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{(p') + (1 - p')}{2} \geq \sqrt{(p')(1 - p')} \implies p'(1 - p') \leq \frac{1}{4} \quad (11)$$

From (9),(11)

$$n \geq \frac{98^2}{4} \quad (12)$$

$$\implies n \geq 2401 \quad (13)$$

Therefore, the size of sample( $n$ ) must be greater than equal to 2401.